



Bull's eye!

Center hits the mark in recent MSEP inspection

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All the hard work and months of preparation paid off. Warner Robins Air Logistics Center leadership learned in an executive out brief Monday that the center performed the best among the three Air Force Materiel Command Maintenance Standardization Evaluation Program inspections this year, achieving an overall 97.1 percent compliance rating.

Of the 384 graded areas, the center was in compliance with 264 areas, in compliance with comment in 109 areas and not in compliance with 11 areas. The MSEP team also graded four of the in compliance areas as center strengths. Robins also passed 70 of the 71 task evaluations and received the highest quality assessment rating in 64 out of 66 of the quality verification inspections. During the inspections, end items were checked to determine whether they were manufactured or repaired correctly, using the right processes and procedures. The center also received satisfactory ratings for two AFMC special interest items – fuel systems maintenance and operational risk management.

The center's LEAN efforts did not go unnoticed. "I think your LEAN initiatives are exactly the right thing," said Col. Dartanian Warr, AFMC inspector general. Warr also congratulated the center for the significant progress it has made in its Back-to-Basics journey – the driving force behind the MSEP inspection.

Outstanding performers

The 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron received the first 100 percent rating in MSEP history. According to Warr, being fully compliant in all graded areas is "hard -to- do" but something all centers should strive to achieve. "Obviously, I'm very proud of the men and women of the 653rd – there's no better organization in the Air Force. The IG team validated for us what we believe is our standard of performance. We set the bar pretty high and our goal is to maintain that level," said Lt. Col. Stacy M. Boudreax, 653rd CLSS commander.

The MSEP team also recognized 30 employees across the center for their individual performance, and seven employees from two teams within the Technology and Industrial Support Directorate and the C-5 System Program Office.

The checklist champions program adopted by the center this year proved to be a good investment in time and resources. Warr commended those individuals who escorted the inspectors throughout the respective work areas and made it easier for inspectors to navigate through the checklists. "They were taking us places we weren't going to go," laughed Warr. "They really made the maintenance inspection a worthwhile event," he said.

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, commended the ALC work force, the outstanding performers and the aircraft companies for their MSEP performance. In a meeting later in the week, he also thanked the 78th Air Base Wing and Robins' hosted units for their support in preparing for the inspection.

"This was a really good show," Wetekam said. The center did very, very well. The aircraft directorates did exceedingly well." Wetekam pointed out that despite the rigorous standard, inspectors came up with half as many major findings this year than last year. "That's impressive, given that the team was looking as hard as they did," he said.

"We've got some issues to work," said Wetekam, "but overall, I'm very well pleased with the results." Wetekam was referring to those graded areas where the center was not fully in compliance, which included technical data, aircraft forms and work control document preparation, material control and contract management. The center must forward resolutions for the 77 major findings within these graded areas to AFMC within 60 days. The 168 minor findings will be resolved within the center, although Wetekam directed that they receive the same emphasis and tracking measures as the major findings.

"We did well here. We set a goal. We said we were going to be the best ALC before we started this and we achieved that goal," said Wetekam.

"I can guarantee – Robins got a big bull's-eye," Warr said in confirming that Robins was the best of the three air logistics centers.

Outstanding performers

- ✓ Master Sgt. Scott Elliot, 653rd CLSS
- ✓ Master Sgt. Todd Hultquist, 653rd CLSS
- ✓ Tech. Sgt. Joseph Bennetti Jr., 78th MSS
- ✓ Staff Sgt. Richard W. Gary Jr., 653rd CLSS
- ✓ Rebecca L. Davis, LIQ
- ✓ Patricia A. Deike, LFS
- ✓ Lynda P. Deloach, LJPWS
- ✓ Leslie A. Allen, LJSJS-1
- ✓ Raymond E. Birt, LBPW
- ✓ Janice L. Hattaway, MABWAS
- ✓ Roger L. Hayes, LBS
- ✓ Arthur M. Hilton, LBPW
- ✓ Jeffrey V. Owens, LFPW
- ✓ Joseph C. Pirkle, LBPWS
- ✓ Candace L. Sims, LAPBP
- ✓ Lillian L. Zimmer, LFPW
- ✓ Jimmie D. Derr, LFPD
- ✓ Louis J. Falls, 78th MSS
- ✓ Ingrid A. House, LYPRE
- ✓ George T. Johnson, LFPO
- ✓ Ralph A. McInvale, LBPLO
- ✓ Melvin Peebles, LFPO
- ✓ Pacifico Terrazola, LJPWM
- ✓ Stephen Tillman, MABWAS
- ✓ Charles S. Vann, LJP
- ✓ Timothy J. Wright, LIPR
- ✓ Brenda J. Kelly, LFPB
- ✓ Dennis K. Rogers, LFPSI
- ✓ Timothy K. Childress, LYP-MGG
- ✓ Walter S. Smith III, LJPO
- ✓ C-5 NDI Team, LAPPCDB
- ✓ Daryl C. Faling
- ✓ Matthew T. Smock
- ✓ F-15 Wing Shop TOST Kit Team, TINRWA
- ✓ Curtis C. Howell
- ✓ David A. McNeal
- ✓ Scott A. Snider
- ✓ Susie P. Solomon
- ✓ Brian G. Waters



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Maj. Carey Lee holds his daughter, Caroline, while his wife, Karol, welcomes him home. Lee and the deployed members of the 19th Air Refueling Group returned home on Monday, which was also the major's birthday.

19th ARG returns from Middle East

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When 1st Lt. Lewis Demaso stepped off the KC-135 that carried him home from the other side of the world Monday there was pride in his heart.

As a navigator with the 19th Air Refueling Group, Demaso's role in the war against terrorism has special meaning, not only because of his sense of patriotism, but because he is a native New Yorker.

"Of course I felt a lot of pride just going over there and serving my country," he said. "I lost some close family members so it was definitely a great experience to go over there and be a part of this team. Everybody does such a great job... and there's such high morale over there. My family is so proud of everyone (who deploys in support of Operation Enduring Freedom)."

And although Demaso could do any number of things during the four days off he and his fellow Black Knights were given, he laughed as he talked about cruising around in his Jaguar.

"What am I going to do first? Drive my car," he said. "I've been dreaming about driving – that's all it is."

According to Col. Barbara Faulkenberry, commander of the 19th Air Refueling Group, this homecoming marks the first time all of Robins operational KC-135 Stratotankers and personnel have been on base since deployments started in October.

"The 19th Air Refueling Group has been doing air refueling for Operation Enduring Freedom, our war on terrorism, since Oct. 7," she said. "We've

been there ever since and (this) is the first time that this organization has been fully home since (deployments began).

"This organization will be on the road and integral to our war against terrorism any time that the nation needs us."

Col. Barbara Faulkenberry
Commander, 19th ARG

"We've been providing air refueling to all kinds of bomber, fighter and reconnaissance aircraft in all of the missions that have been accomplished over there," she added.

As for the living conditions, Senior Airman Adam Bartek said he

was pleasantly surprised. "I was over there for 45 days and it wasn't as bad as I thought it was going to be," he said. "We started out with 10 people to a tent and then they cut back to seven or eight. We slept on cots and there were media tents where

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Some AEF deployments will be 3 months or more

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — While Air Force leaders remain committed to the current air and space expeditionary force construct of three-month deployments in a 15-month window, about 10 to 15 percent of the deployed force will be gone longer, based upon current requirements, Air Force officials said.

Extended tour lengths are becoming necessary to fill shortfalls in certain stressed career fields caused, in part, by demobilizing Reserve and Guard forces and releasing most Air Force specialties from Stop-Loss to meet end-strength requirements.

Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, understands the contributions required by the total force to allow the Air Force to succeed in the war on terrorism.

"As I talk with airmen and their families around the world, I understand the stress and sacrifices our continuing high operations tempo levies on many of our people," Jumper said in a July 23 letter to airmen worldwide. "The Secretary (of the Air Force James G. Roche) and I want to express our gratitude and admiration to everyone supporting this critical effort. A grateful American public recognizes and appreciates your dedication and hard work as well."

The Air Force has begun to identify the stressed career fields that could be affected by longer tour lengths. The initial specialties include: security forces, office of special investigations, civil engineers, fire fighters, intelligence, transportation, explosive ordnance disposal, combat control, command post, fuels, liquid fuels, communications, air command and warning, air battle managers, pilots and enlisted aircrews.

Not all of the people in these stressed career fields will be deployed longer than three months, but many will, said Maj. Gen. Tim Peppe, special assistant for air and space expeditionary forces.

"We don't know the full magnitude of it yet," Peppe said. "The AEF Center is currently sourcing the requirements for AEF 5/6. We've already notified some people in AEFs 3/4 that they'd be staying for up to 179 days."

Peppe said the reaction from people who were told they would be deployed longer was varied.

"I think quite frankly they would have preferred that the Air Force told them they'd be staying longer before they went," Peppe said. "Clearly, our goal is to work three-month deploy-

ments for everyone, but with standing up 14 additional expeditionary air bases, we have some work to do to make sure we have enough people in all the right career fields. There are two ongoing studies which are quantifying the help needed in numerous career fields."

Some of the work to be done to help the stressed career fields is to increase the pool of those qualified to deploy, and to seek to balance the workload and "stressors" between the respective specialties.

"Currently, we have about 175,000 positions postured in the AEF library that the AEF Center looks at on a daily basis to fill requirements," Peppe said. "That number has increased by about 3,000 in the last six weeks by having all commands and organizations identify positions and personnel who previously were not postured in the AEF library. These people are now eligible to go on an AEF deployment."

Peppe said the total force is working to fill AEF requirements.

"Of the approximately 2,000 people who currently have been identified to deploy longer than three months, some are from the Reserve or Guard who have volunteered and are a big help," Peppe said. "We shouldn't forget that the reserve component continues to pull its fair share of the requirements."



Peppe

Former commander dies

Office of Public Affairs

Retired Maj. Gen. Earl Clifford Hedlund, Warner Robins Air Materiel Area commander from Aug. 1963 through July 1966, passed away on July 21 due to injuries resulting from a fall.

The Warner Robins Air Material Area is now known as the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center. Hedlund died in Annandale, Va., and was 86 years old.

Hedlund was an Air Force fighter pilot and is credited with the destruction of 15 enemy aircraft. In 1945, Hedlund's P-38 Mustang was shot down and he was captured by the Germans. Hedlund escaped and went on to fulfill an illustrious career in the Air Force.

His command positions included deputy director of Transportation Headquarters in 1956 and later became the director in 1959. In 1961, he became the deputy director of what is now known as Ogden Air Logistics Center in Ogden, Utah. After his command of the WRAMA, Hedlund became the deputy director of the Defense Supply Agency in Alexandria, Va.

Hedlund is survived by his son, John Hedlund, who is also a resident of Annandale.

Hedlund's memorial service will be held Aug. 16 at Old Post Chapel on Fort Meyer in Virginia. The service will begin at 11 a.m. and the burial will immediately follow at Arlington National Cemetery. Reception information is unavailable at this time.

ROBINS BRIEFS

Military ball rides available

Transportation will be available from the officers' club to the museum for the military ball. Bus will begin route at 5:45 p.m. The shuttle will also be available from the main parking lot to the hangar. Return transportation will begin at 9:45 p.m.

Hostile fire pay

The Civilian Personnel Office has released an announcement Department of Defense civilian employees who were physically present at either the World Trade Center buildings or the Pentagon and surrounding grounds – not the Navy complex – at the specific times the aircraft impacted the buildings, or rendered emergency assistance on Sept. 11 at either location, and who were exposed to the hazards of the attacks, are eligible for hostile fire pay.

The entitlement amount is \$150. Employees who were hospitalized and treated for injuries or wounds may be entitled to additional money. Civilian employees must have been operating in an official capacity and must have been physically present – through permanent duty station or in a temporary duty assignment status – in order to receive the entitlement.

Employees requesting the entitlement must submit justification for the pay to their directorate level. Upon directorate validation, the request must be forwarded on an electronic staff summary sheet to the servicing employee relations specialist for approval by the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center executive director. Requests must include employee's name, social security number, and the employee's official capacity and location on Sept. 11. For more information, call employee relations specialist at 926-0677 or 926-5802.

Office closure

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Judge Advocates office will be close today at 2 p.m. for an official function.

Voting is important

Exercise your right to vote in upcoming local, state, and federal elections. Contact your unit voting assistance officer if you would like to register to vote. Base organizations without a unit voting assistance officer are encouraged to appoint a representative. Visit the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site at <http://www.fvap.gov> for more information. Contact the installation voting officer, Capt. James Mitchell at 9266-8206 or james.mitchell@robins.af.mil.

78th CE gets new commander

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There's a new face in the office of the 78th Civil Engineer Group commander.

Col. Linden J. Torchia, an Air Force Academy graduate with two civil engineering-related degrees, succeeded Col. Michael D. Norrie in a change-of-command ceremony Monday. Norrie, who arrived at Robins in July 1999, retired Monday and is moving to Salt Lake City, Utah.

Torchia, who earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the Air Force Academy and a master of science degree in engineering management from the Air Force Institute of Technology, has had a long career in civil engineering. He came to Robins from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, where he was Air Force Intelligence Agency civil engineer.

He and his wife, Diane, have three school-age children — Hillary, Kelsey and Michael.

Col. Bonnie C. Cirrincione, commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, officiated at the change of command ceremony. Retired Maj. Gen. Richard Goddard, a former commander of the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, officiated at the retirement.



U.S. Air Force photo by Ray Crayton

Col. Bonnie C. Cirrincione, commander of the 78th Air Base Wing, hands Linden J. Torchia the 78th Civil Engineer Group flag during the group's change of command ceremony, Monday. Col. Michael D. Norrie, outgoing 78th CEG commander, looks on from the right.

Robins needs your help in knowing what you want to see on TV

The Public Affairs Office produces three television programs that air on Cox Cable channel 15 and Watson Cable channel 15 three times a week. Those shows are –

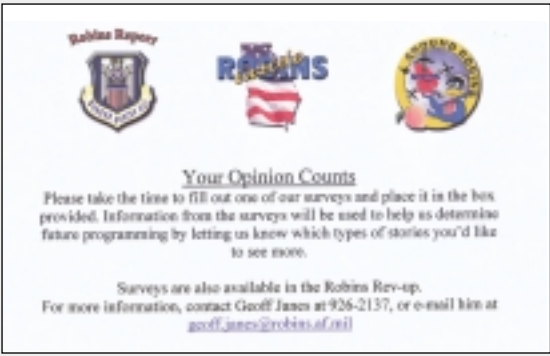
- **The Robins Report** – a news-oriented program offering base and Air Force wide coverage.
- **Around Robins** – a television magazine format offering information about upcoming social events, leisure opportunities, golf tips, financial tips and health news.
- **Inside Robins** – an in-depth look at Robins missions and issues.

Robins Air Force Base Public Affairs Office has produced this short feedback form to gather information on how we can better serve the Robins Community.

The survey will appear in the July 26, Aug. 2 and Aug. 9 editions of the Robins Rev-up. To participate in this survey, you can:

- Drop your completed surveys in the drop boxes provided in Services facilities
- Mail your completed survey to the Public Affairs Office
- Drop the forms by the Public Affairs Office in Bldg 215.

The address is:
Warner Robins Air Logistics Center
Office of Public Affairs
215 Page Road, Ste. 106
Robins Air Force Base, Ga. 31098-1662



1. Which of the shows do you watch? (Circle frequency)

<input type="checkbox"/> Robins Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Once a month	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
<input type="checkbox"/> Around Robins	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Once a month	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> Never
<input type="checkbox"/> Inside Robins	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Once a month	<input type="checkbox"/> Rarely	<input type="checkbox"/> Never

2. Do you feel the shows offer subject matter that is interesting, entertaining and worthy of coverage?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. What types of stories would you like to see more of?

☐ Community events

☐ Mission-related topics

☐ Air Force wide news

☐ Family Services

☐ Recreation

☐ Other _____

4. What types of stories would you like to see less of?

☐ Community events

☐ Mission-related topics

☐ Air Force wide news

☐ Family Services

☐ Recreation

☐ Other _____

5. How entertaining are the shows on a scale of one to five, with five being the highest?

☐ Robins Report

☐ Around Robins

☐ Inside Robins

6. How informative are the shows on a scale of one to five, with five being the highest?

☐ Robins Report

☐ Around Robins

☐ Inside Robins

7. How often can you use information that airs on the shows?

☐ Often

☐ Sometimes

☐ Occasionally

☐ Never

Additional comments:

MTI opportunities open

Briefing set for Tuesday

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Have you ever been interested in becoming a member of one the most elite groups of people in the Air Force — the Military Training Instructor Corps? An MTI briefing will be conducted Tuesday, at 9 a.m., in Bldg. 905, room 140. This briefing will provide information on how to become an MTI member.

“There’s a constant need for basic training instructors,” said Master Sgt. Jodie Swanson, MTI Recruiting Team superintendent. “Applicants from all Air Force specialties are eligible to apply and are encouraged to attend an upcoming MTI briefing at Robins Air Force Base to

answer any questions you may have.

“Everyone remembers their MTI. The MTI sets the stage for each individual’s success in the Air Force and has the opportunity to mentor hundreds of new Air Force members. This job is filled with substantial rewards for those who want to have a hand in molding tomorrow’s Air Force. Most concerns about MTI duty are based on misconceptions or fear of the unknown. Our briefing will answer everything you want to know about MTI duty. We will process applications for all interested attendees,” Swanson said.

MTIs receive \$275 per month in special duty assignment pay, additional annual clothing allowance, free dry

cleaning, an MTI ribbon and a stabilized four-year tour.

Senior airmen who commit to a second enlistment through technical sergeants with less than 16 years total active service are eligible to apply.

Spouses may attend the briefing. The base point of contact for this briefing is Master Sgt. Mike Stanton at 926-0792.

U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Amanda Currier

Tech. Sgt. Laurie Austin, 322nd Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, marches a flight of trainees. Only 11 percent of military training instructors are female. The Air Force hopes to increase this to 25 percent with current recruiting efforts.



C-5 modernization takes first step

Editor’s note: This article was localized from an Air Force Materiel Command News Service article.

The first aircraft to be modified under the C-5 Avionics Modernization Program at Lockheed Martin’s Marietta facility was inducted June 12, taking the first tangible step in keeping the cargo giant flying another 40 years. AMP is the first phase of the two-phase modernization program led by Col. Frank Bruno, Warner Robins C-5 System Program Office director, and Col. Jim Lynch in the Development System Office at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

The aircraft, a ‘B’ model from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., is one of two C-5 avionics upgrades to be tested before being implemented throughout the rest of the fleet. The upgrades also will be tested on an older-model C-5A, scheduled for induction into the AMP later this month.

“With the advanced avionics provided under AMP, the Air Force can meet airspace requirements anywhere in the world, and it allows us to move the war fighter and critical combat equipment faster and more efficiently,” said Lynch.

Critical need

It’s in this arena that Gen. John Handy, U.S. Transportation Command, commander in chief, and Air Mobility Command commander said the Air Force has a critical need. The 2005 Mobility Requirements Study sets the minimum airlift needed by 2005 at 54.5 million ton miles per day - compared to today’s capability of less than 46 million. A ton mile, according to AMC officials, is the amount of airlift needed to move one ton of cargo, equipment or passengers one mile.

According to Handy, the C-5 modernization is one of the actions needed to bring U.S. airlift capability up to the study’s recommended requirement. C-5s have carried about 46 percent of the inter-theater cargo on only about 29 percent of the missions flown in Operation Enduring Freedom.

“The C-5s have been incredible work horses, bringing in huge amounts of cargo and passengers,” he said.

Air Force officials said they hope to include up to 126 aircraft in the C-5 AMP; a support program that U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper said “continues to set the standard for weapon system management.”

AMP includes installing the Terrain Awareness and Warning System and the Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System. The Secretary of Defense directed the navigation and safety equipment be developed and implemented after U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and 34 others died April 3, 1996 in a U.S. Air Force airplane crash outside Dubrovnik, Croatia. Brown was leading a delegation of U.S. business and banking executives on a three-day economic tour of the Balkans when his plane slammed into a mountain ridge.

Equipment helps

Bruno and Lynch say the equipment has already helped avert two potential accidents.

The Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance System, or TCAS, has been installed and fielded on 119 C-5s - ahead of the rest of the AMP components. “The TCAS program has been a real suc-

cess story for WR-ALC - going from design to production in less than one year,” Bruno said.

“In two incidents, C-5 crews reported that TCAS warned them of aircraft dangerously close and directed them to maneuver to avoid collision,” Lynch said.

Also included in the upgrades is new communication, navigation and surveillance equipment to meet the FAA’s Global Air Traffic Management requirements, an all-weather flight control system, and software improvements to provide connectivity to the Mobility Command and Control System called Mobility 2000 or M2K.

Phase II

The second phase of the C-5 modernization program is the Reliability Enhancement

and Re-engineering Program, which depends on successfully completing AMP. The program will reduce the need for engine removals, decrease noise and emissions and increase the fleet’s climb and payload capability. In addition, RERP is

designed to increase reliability, maintainability and availability of the C-5 while reducing ownership costs by reducing maintenance man-hours, and the need for spare parts, officials said. Propulsion initiatives under RERP will install new turbofan engines, pylons, thrust reversers and wing attachment fittings. “In May,” Col Bruno added, “we completed a critical pylon event here in our depot that helped the contractor to validate that their preliminary design will accommodate the numerous hydraulic, fuel, and electrical lines that interface between

the wing, pylon, and new engine.” In addition to propulsion, the program will improve the aircraft’s electrical, hydraulic, fuel, fire suppression and pressurization subsystems as well as auxiliary power units, air conditioning systems, landing gear and the airframe.

The AMP and RERP programs were integrated in January to more efficiently implement the overall modernization effort, the colonels said.

“An integrated program allows us to do what we have always envisioned for the C-5 — offer a single, integrated

modernization effort for the fleet,” Lynch said.

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Warner Robins C-5 System Program
Office director

Voice switchers keep us talking

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Gates
5th CCG Public Affairs

When you are deployed, one of the nicest things to hear is a friendly voice. Without the men and women working in the voice switch, the sound would remain nothing but a dream.

“There is nothing like putting together a phone network,” said Tech. Sgt. Sherm Potts, 53rd Combat Communications Squadron voice switch. “When it all works and you can make a call, and hear your mom’s voice on the other end, it makes it all worth it.”

Time is critical in all aspects of combat communications, but few so critical as installing the initial point-to-point phone lines. Within a few hours, some of these phones – ones which directly connect one area to another – are in. This eliminates the need for radios, which are less secure than the phones.

Currently the group uses two generations of equipment to provide phone service at a deployed location. The older, and more familiar equipment, is the tactical telephone switch, or TTC-39. The TTC-39 is late 1960s technology which can provide about 600 secure or non secure digital or analog phones. The aging switch has been incredibly reliable, said Potts. “There is very little that can actually take one of the switches down. Most of the time, if we have a problem, it’s usually an input power problem. Those are quickly resolved.”

The latest generation of equipment is the redcom switch in the theater deployable communications suite. This combination voice and data switch is a commercial off-the-shelf product. This product, for the most part, is incredibly versatile, said Tech. Sgt. Gregg Greer, 52nd Combat Communications Squadron infrastructure maintenance. It is easily configurable, and can support any combination of voice or data circuits – including as many as about 600 phones.

There are many differences between the new and old technology, both Potts and Greer agree. One of the main reasons for this is the amount of cable used. When the TTC-39 deploys, the equipment deploys with about 50,000 feet of cable. About half of that is coaxial cable – 1/4 inch in diameter. The rest is 407-L cable – about twice as large. On the other hand, those deploying with the redcom switch take about 10,000 feet of fiber optic cable and



Courtesy photo

Airman 1st Class Joseph Schners programs the tactical telephone switch, or TTC-39.

about 15,000 feet of Category 5 wire – the wires used to connect computer networks. This wire comes in boxes, and is fairly easy for one person to carry.

Because of the differences in the weight of the cable, and the need for the switch to be carried in many transit cases instead of an actual vehicle, the logistics for moving the redcom switch are much less strenuous than the TTC-39, Greer said, who has worked both systems. “When you deployed the TTC-39, you had five pallets, two pieces of rolling stock (the 39 van and the shelter) and two generators. When you deploy the redcom switch, you take two and a half pallets and you share power with other sections.”

There are areas where the TTC-39 outshines the redcom switch – especially when operating with other similarly aged equipment – such as the tactical telephones. Telephone experts can attach only so many of the bulky, older, secure tactical telephones still in use throughout the military to the redcom switch; however, they still need a TTC-39 for secure service. This doesn’t mean that the security is lost. Maintainers can provide secure communication by setting up secure telephone unit–IIIs and secure telephone equipment, according to Greer.

Because it is a commercial switch, the normal phones used in the redcom switch

don’t look very military, either, unlike the standard blocky tactical KY-68s. The redcom switch phones – nicknamed Princess phones – look like the basic \$5 phone in department stores. They consist of little more than a handset with built-in key pad and a base.

Finally, the TTC-39 is incredibly versatile – and is able to communicate through any piece of telephone switching equipment currently in the military inventory. “There isn’t a switch it can’t hook up to, as far as I know,” said Potts. The redcom switch is equally versatile, able to connect to any commercial switch as well as many other pieces of tactical equipment.

Moreover, since the fiber optic cable is a little more delicate than both the coaxial and 407-L cables, the men and women who use it have to be a bit more careful about how they run the cable, making sure that it doesn’t cross extremely high traffic areas, Greer said.

Whichever piece of equipment they use, the men and women providing voice services add an important part to the communications network – the capability to pick up a phone, hear a familiar dial tone, and then connect anywhere in the world – to reach a commander, another work center or any other friendly voice.

Especially when that voice is Mom’s.

Airfield setup is tough duty

By Tech. Sgt. Andrew Gates
5th CCG Public Affairs

“We were one of the first groups into Kyrgyzstan – another C-130 of equipment landed before us, but we were the first people on the ground.”

Thus began one of the biggest tasks that Capt. Dennis Scales and Tech. Sgt. John Hunt, 5th Combat Communications Group, faced at the start of Operation Enduring Freedom. Hunt, and another Air Combat Command terminal instrument procedures specialist, joined Scales in Germany, after setting up airfields in Uzbekistan and Pakistan.

“Our initial job was to establish a command post,” said Scales. “We were joined by the 1st Combat Communications Squadron from Germany.” Our top priority was to establish communications using an International Marine/Maritime Satellite, or INMARSAT. After that, the two set about creating an airfield and communications site for the war fighters who would soon be joining them. To do that, they had to prepare for the incoming communications services, devise an intelligent engineering plan and liaison with local and military officials to get the property needed to put together the site.

“When we first got there, there was nothing available,” Scales said. “One of our first orders of business was making sure we had an area for everyone coming in to live.” To do that, contractor specialists negotiated with local nationals for land near the airport for living quarters and

to put up equipment. At the same time, Hunt was negotiating with airport and defense officials for communications frequencies and for places to put microwave transmitters and other communications equipment.

“Kyrgyzstan was the dream job out of all the places I went,” Hunt said. “I had to develop a number of procedures to get planes in and out of Pakistan and Uzbekistan. At Kyrgyzstan, most of the procedures were already in place’

The Kyrgyzstan airport, called Beskek Airport locally, had a lot of 30-year-old, or older, equipment, Hunt said, but most of it was in good condition and had the infrastructure to be able to handle more modern equipment. “I worked with the equipment to add to the existing facilities,” the technical sergeant continued. “We put in some tactical radios and a tactical navigation radar.”

While Hunt was setting up the airfield, Scales was putting together the engineering plans for the distribution of voice and data services. “I was making sure there was a plan before anyone got there with equipment,” he said. “That way, all the leg work was done and people could start putting their equipment up quickly once they arrived.”

Two issues made the deployment interesting for the captain. The biggest one was the language barrier. “In many previous deployments, most of the people I worked with had some form of an English education,” Scales

Robins hosts partnership meeting

AFMC, Union continue to build

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A unique council made up of members of Air Force Materiel Command and union leaders met at Robins this week.

At a time when the Department of Defense is promoting partnerships, one such alliance between the Air Force Materiel Command and Council 214 of the American Federation of Government Employees continues its upward spiral towards building a relationship based on mutual respect and cooperation.

Established in 1999, the AFMC-AFGE Partnership Council is co-chaired by Dan Stewart, AFMC executive director, and Scott Blanch, AFGE Council 214 president.

According to Stewart, the council provides a forum for command management and union leadership to collaborate on ways to establish and maintain an environment that takes care of the work force. Stewart believes that by working within this ideal environment, the work force is better able to accomplish the com-

mand’s mission.

By rotating the meetings to different operating locations within the command, the council becomes familiar with each installation’s mission, which, according to Stewart, helps the council do its job better.

Operationalizing the partnership at all levels is by far the hottest issue facing the partnership today, Stewart said. While some operating locations and installations have achieved moderate success in resolving management-union issues by appropriately training the work force and applying partnership principles, others have not been as successful. “The real challenge is getting the culture permeated down at all levels – throughout the union levels as well as the management levels – and into our work force to work together to promote teamwork and cooperation,” he said. Stewart also said that operationalizing the partnership is an opportunity for subordinate councils to address center-specific issues and to elevate those issues that cannot be satisfactorily resolved to

the command partnership council.

Blanch described the council’s initiative to implement a command-wide alternative dispute resolution process as another challenge facing the partners. Under ADR, the council uses the partnership principles to encourage centers and operating locations to attempt to resolve issues early on and thereby possibly eliminate the need for command involvement.

Despite these challenges, Stewart and Blanch agree that the future of the council looks promising. Blanch readily admitted that the partnership is a radical, but good, departure from past management-union relations. He cited as an example the previous master labor agreement that took six years to negotiate while the current MLA was negotiated in just five weeks.

“This is a true partnership, especially at the command level. AFMC leadership recognizes that what we’re doing is important to meeting the mission and taking care of our people. We intend on pressing on just based on the success we’re having,” he said.

Stewart extended his thanks to Maj. Gen. Donald

Wetekam, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander, Robins leadership and all the people at Robins for giving the council the opportunity to become familiar with the

center’s mission. “That will help us in our deliberations to do what’s right for this command and our people,” he said.

For more information

about the AFMC-AFGE partnership, check out the council’s Web site at: <https://www.afmc-mil.wpafb.af.mil/HQ-AFMC/DP/dpc/partner/>.

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you could check out movies, and there were talent shows where people could sing or whatever. Every now and then we had people come in and do a concert.”

First Lt. Brian Smith agreed.

“The food was pretty decent,” he said. “Services did a really good job. Other than being hot, we had pretty much all the creature comforts.”

Even so, the operational tempo was high.

“Some days you were real busy, you know, guys out working in the hot sun for 12 and 13 hours,” Smith said. “Other days you got to catch your breath for a little while – it just depended what was going on in the world.”

Demaso echoed Smith’s statements.

“The (operational tempo) was very high,” he said. “We had a lot going on – if you watch CNN you know.”

According to 1st Lt. Aaron Chatraw, the hardest part of the deployment was twofold.

“The hardest part has been getting used to the heat and missing the people that you miss back home,” he said.

Faulkenberry said that, although the Black Knights are home right now, it wouldn’t be long before they are flying again.

“Air Mobility Command is always tasked to be on the road,” she said. “Operation

Enduring Freedom doesn’t end with our personal withdrawal from this location.

“We have deployments in the future; we have tasking in

the future,” she added. “This organization will be on the road and integral to our war against terrorism any time that the nation needs us.”

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Take pride in working for America

Many of us have seen a surge in the pride displayed by most Americans in the United States following the attacks of Sept. 11. There is a rally around the flag throughout the conflicts of American history. Today, our war is terrorism, and it won't end quickly. As the headlines fade, it is important that we keep our faith in God and country.

I sincerely appreciate the people that serve this nation in whatever capacity — military, civilian or contractor. No one in the profession of arms stands to get rich. If you want wealth, you need to invent a microchip of sorts.

So, if not for the money, why do we serve? Often, I hear people refer to the promise of retirement, a paycheck or job security, but I might suggest that there should be something more. Simply stated, you've got to like what you do. You've got to have faith in what you do, and you have to recognize that your contribution, however great or small, is a contribution toward a set of values and principles unmatched on the globe. If you are missing that, you are missing a unique aspect of our profession. We should be proud of what we do.

While on vacation, I was stopped on the beach and asked by a man and his family if I was in the service. I was wearing a pair of shorts with "USAF" written on them. We talked for a while and it turned out that his family was from Macon — small world. I met his wife, his children and talked a bit about his business. When we parted, he took a great deal of time and thanked me for my service. My response was simple, "proud to serve."

We often say, "you're welcome" after you pay your bill at a restaurant. It's a bit different when you are appreciated for who

you are. The true gift of our profession is that we work for the American people. Even if we don't think it, they know it, and there is an instant connection with every man, woman and child in this nation. We should be proud of our service.

I must honestly say that I suffer a bit of a contradiction with attitudes of those I run across in the military and Department of Defense community. Do we have the same pride in ourselves that others now have in us? Do we have the same confidence, esprit de corps and faith that America seems to invest in our service? Honestly, on some occasions, I think not. We focus on the negative, how many problems we have, what's wrong with the military today; and we gauge our job satisfaction by how oppressed we are. Is the glass half full, or is it half empty? Often times, a situation will not change whether we are happy about it, sad, disgusted, elated or neutral. Yes, we have challenges. In America, we have freedom of choice. Look for the positive aspects, and you might just overcome the negative. We should be proud of ourselves.

All too often, we see on television, print or billboards, a celebration of the individual. This nation was founded with the basic premise of individual rights. What is sometimes concerning (again, my own perception), is that belonging to a group is perceived as something weak. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness was not earned, and is not sustained by individuals. There

We can't sit in the gallery, we must accept the failures of our comrades, and we have to reach down and pick up one who has faltered. That isn't weakness; that is security.

By Maj. Tim "Bull" Arch
78th Operations Support Squadron commander

isn't strength in individuals, there is strength in numbers. As members of a group, we have an obligation to each other. We can't sit in the gallery, we must accept the failures of our comrades, and we have to reach down and pick up one who has faltered. That isn't weakness; that is security.

We have many categories of people — race, color, creed, specialty, civilian, military, etc. Yes, we are all different, but that diversity is strength. As we seek to see how different we are, we must also acknowledge that we, as Americans, have much more in common than we have differences. We should be proud of who we are.

Last, but not least, I must throw in a small disclaimer. If you knew me, you'd know not to ask a question you really didn't want an answer to. The preceding paragraphs were not written to throw stones, incite a raging debate or get myself tossed on the hood of a police car. As advertised, they are merely points to ponder. The question isn't what I believe. The question is, what do you believe? I am sincerely proud to serve. I hope you are as well.

Rein in your inner workaholic

By Lt. Col. Bill Starr
4th Command and Control Squadron commander

F.E. WARREN AIR FORCE BASE, Wyo. (AFPN) — One summer evening, shortly after arriving at my new assignment, my boss strolled by my house and saw my wife and children sitting on our front porch. He asked her where I was. My wife told him I was still at the office. When she relayed this to me, in the egotistical corner of my heart I secretly hoped he was impressed by my work ethic.

The next morning, my boss called me. He asked me what I was doing so late at the office and asked if I had been doing that every night since taking over. I told him I had been working late every night.

He told me anyone could be a workaholic and achieve great things professionally. He had hired me to perform and excel in not one but two areas: my professional and personal life.

So, I examined my professional, family and personal life and found that they weren't in balance. So I made a commitment to myself to work on achieving a better balance in these three areas. This is what my little voyage of self-discovery revealed to me.

I've always been a competitive person by nature, and I don't think there are many people that hang around in our profession who aren't.

In conjunction with my slow drift into being a workaholic, I discovered that I had put in very little quality time with my family.

Growing up, church and sports were a big part of my life. Over the years, without realizing it, I had reduced my worship to only the major holidays and my physical activity to the bare minimum.

I found out a very simple truth. I was a workaholic because I was afraid to fail in my professional life. What I discovered was that once I was able to take the risk to slow down at work and placed more emphasis on my family and personal life, my professional performance actually improved.

Commanders' Action Line



Col. Bonnie Cirrincione
Commander 78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live. Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil. Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage on the World Wide Web at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/action-line.htm>.

Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response. Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.



Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam
Commander Warner Robins Air Logistics Center

Travel pay problem

Q: I recently left Robins Air Force Base for a new assignment. I left on June 10 from the base and spent the week prior out-processing. I had gone on a temporary duty assignment from May 5-24 and filed a travel voucher with the travel pay office on May 29.

After more than a week, the travel pay office discovered that there was a problem with my voucher and e-mailed me to tell me there was a problem. They then waited until June 21 to send the travel voucher to my home address in Warner Robins, after I had already left and in-processed at my new assignment.

When I filed my travel voucher again, it was faxed in on June 27, but not logged in until July 1.

I called on July 3 and was told that it would not be started until at least a week later, as travel pay was running at least two and a half weeks to process vouchers. I realize that there is a high volume of vouchers to process due to the current operations, but two and a half weeks means that anyone who has a problem with their voucher won't find out about it until well into the billing cycle for their government credit card.

Up until this point I have had a high opinion of the service travel pay provides to Robins Air Force Base, but that opinion has changed radically.

A: Maj. Gen. Wetekam responds: I regret the inconvenience you experienced with our comptroller customer service office. Due to deployments of our customer support section personnel, travel voucher computation times were slowed during June.

Customers who submit a travel voucher prepared incorrectly or a travel voucher missing supporting documentation will be contacted first by phone and secondly by e-mail.

In the event these repeated steps are unsuccessful, the voucher is mailed back to the customer with corrective guidance after five days. After reviewing your situation this process was modified.

The travel system is reviewed for any pending items such as debts or payments due a customer when an individual is transferred, separates or retires.

The customer service clerk did not review the pending payments portion of your travel record (an error on the customer service clerk's part).

This error allowed you to clear the base without being notified of a pending problem with your voucher. In light of the problems which you encountered, the importance of this process has been stressed to the clerks.

Once again, I regret the inconvenience you experienced with our comptroller customer service office. Please address addition-

al concerns to Bill Savage, chief, pay services at 926-4462.

Fitness center maintenance

Q: The water fountain in the main exercise area of the gym does not have sufficient water pressure to provide an adequate water supply to safely clear the dispensing apparatus.

This condition allows germs to spread from one user to the next, as well as the lack of sufficient water to support the hundreds of people who utilize the gym daily. I have spoken to the gym staff and management concerning this issue (which has existed for months) to no avail. Additionally, the men's showers are filthy with mildew and soap scum build-up that surely contains unhealthy bacteria. We here at Robins have the finest gym facility anywhere that I have seen in the military. Please help us be proud of this facility. Your assistance in resolving these issues is most appreciated.

A: Col. Cirrincione responds: Continuously correcting deficiencies brought to their attention, as well as noticed on their own, our fitness center management placed a work order with the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron when the water fountain initially malfunctioned.

The 78th CES promptly repaired the water fountain, but the problem recurred. The 78th

CES ordered a new water fountain in May, but the order was never filled. Thus, the fitness center bought one locally and the 78th CES installed it on July 10. The situation in the shower facilities has been resolved for several weeks. Fitness center management, the 78th CES and the cleaning contractors met to discuss areas of concern for the facility.

The cleaning contractors received authorization to use bleach and have placed an increased emphasis on the cleanliness of the showers.

The fitness center opening shift is thoroughly inspecting the facility every morning and immediately sending any discrepancies to the cleaning company. Additionally, the Army Corps of Engineers discovered a blockage in the ventilation system impairing the effectiveness of the exhaust fan and resulting in increased moisture. All the vents were cleaned and the system is operating properly.

Our staff is dedicated to providing quality facilities, equipment and programs to customers; as is evident by receiving the Air Force Fitness Center of the Year. To achieve and sustain this success they will still need customer feedback.

Continue to provide any concerns or suggestions to our athletic director, Roger Braner, at 926-2129, and be assured that they will be addressed appropriately.



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Air Force leaders gather to plot services’ changing future

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Transforming today’s Air Force and increasing the Aerospace Expeditionary Force’s flexibility highlighted this year’s Corona Top, June 11-13 at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Held in conjunction with the Air Force’s Transformation Summit, the gathering of Air Force four-star generals heard from representatives in industry, the political arena and government on why change is important and what the service needs to do to make the needed changes.

“Corona Top was an excellent vector check as we chart our course to remain the world’s premier air and space power,” said Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff. “America’s adversaries have demonstrated their willingness to challenge us both at home and abroad - make no mistake, the threat is real. “Our nation’s security can only be guaranteed through the dedication of its military professionals. The challenge before us is to proactively shape our future. America’s freedom depends on it.”

Security in change

Setting the stage during the three-day event and setting the course for why change is needed, Herb Kelleher, president of Southwest Airlines, told the audience that “only in change is there security,” highlighting the reality that those who fail to adapt face an unenviable future. Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, challenged the group to “set very big goals with short timelines and delegate the authority to achieve those goals,” emphasizing the ability to create your future through proactive involvement.

Mark Herman, from Booz Allen and Hamilton, reminded the audience that “transformation was a journey rather than a destination,” underlying the fact that the Air Force must embrace change and the opportunities it provides.

With that framework set, Jumper said one aspect of the post-September environment is the reality that the Air Force is no longer experiencing surge operations; rather, it’s facing a new, higher standard of operations tempo.

“And while our operational rhythm will fluctuate with world events, it’s unlikely we’ll return to a pre-September level,” Jumper said. “Given this new reality, our success hinges on the ability to meet our future head-on.”

Playing a part in the future

To do that, Jumper said, requires a responsive, agile and deployable force. The Air Force presents that in the form of the Aerospace Expeditionary Force as flexibility is a key element of the Air Force’s rich heritage and will remain so in the future.

“Unfortunately, our past success guarantees nothing, further it can potentially stifle creative thought,” he said. “The Air Force can ill afford to merely stand by and watch the future play out. We must proactively engage those areas within our control to maintain our combat effectiveness.”

Jumper said one opportunity to maintain that effectiveness is expanding the number of Air Force members included in deployment unit type codes and making sure, to the extent possible, forces are deployed as units as opposed to the current

piece-meal fashion.

“We must develop properly sized UTCs for everything we do,” he said. “This does two things: it provides all Airmen the opportunity to participate in our worldwide commitments, and it helps decrease the demand on those who are currently carrying more than their share of our deployment burden.

This effort will mesh with our “burn-down” plan to further reduce the impact of

Stop Loss and to facilitate demobilizing our Guard and Reserve professionals, allowing them to return to their pre 9-11 lives.”

Get out and get back

Another key element in maintaining our combat effectiveness is making sure deployed forces return to their home units when they’ve completed their assigned tasks.

“The demands on our

deployed forces are increasingly dynamic,” Jumper said. “We will continue emphasizing training that guarantees our airmen are prepared to deploy fully mission capable, and ready to hit the ground running when they arrive at the deployed location. These efforts will dramatically enhance the capability of one of our most dynamic weapons systems, the Combined Air Operations Center.”

The Air Force is leading the Defense Department’s effort to transition from a program-centric focus to one based on capabilities and effects, Jumper said. Service officials are taking transformational steps to maximize the service’s war-fighting capabilities. These include standing up the Combat Wing Organization, developing capabilities-based concepts of operations and changing the way we plan,

program and budget for the future.

“Each of our six CONOPs continues to develop through dedicated efforts of our major commands and Air Staff champions,” the general said. “This increased fidelity ensures our ability to correctly prioritize funding.”

Since the Air Force draws its capabilities from the AEF, Jumper said major commands

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Jumper releases book list

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The chief of staff of the Air Force recently released his list of suggested books for Air Force people.

The latest Chief of Staff Reading List is a departure from past lists in that it is not broken up by rank.

“It’s appropriate for Air Force members of all grades to pursue it, as their time permits,” said Chief of Staff of the Air Force Gen. John P. Jumper. “Also, it is my conviction that it’s useful for the generals to know what the young troops are reading and vice versa.”

The books were chosen because of their relevance to current issues affecting the Air Force.

“For the challenges the U.S. Air Force faces today, I have given priority to books regarding: the recent past as more lesson-filled than the distant past, the transformation challenges we have overcome and those that we still face, and a look to the future for clues to the asymmetrical vulnerabilities that await us,” Jumper said.

The list, available online, currently includes about 14 titles. Book topics range from Osama bin Laden to the struggle between Pakistan and India.

“It is my intention that the course content within our professional military education system will be based in appropriate measure on the materials these books address,” Jumper said.

The new CSAF reading list is available at: www.af.mil/lib/csafbook/index.shtml. Readers will soon be able to find the books at their base libraries, and the books will also be made available through the Air Force’s institutional schools at Air University.

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must continue to align their forces with contingency operations to maximize operational effectiveness. These efforts provide greater war-fighting flexibility.

“We continue to emphasize the seamless integration of manned, unmanned and space systems,” he said. “It’s through such integration that we achieve the greatest return on our investment in our war-fighting capabilities.”

These integration efforts include fully integrating combat, mobility and space forces into Joint Synthetic Battlespace simulations; creating “Red-Flag-like” training for our mission support group commanders; and designating a greater role for ARC forces in the CAOC.

Looking to the future and the heavens, Jumper said as the Defense Department’s executive agent for space, the Air Force has a responsibility to properly integrate space operations into DOD’s war-fighting structure.

“This will necessitate a far-reaching vision which will be closely monitored by our sister services and other organizations interested in space operations,” he said.

Looking at the challenges ahead and the discussions held at Peterson, Jumper said, “This open and candid forum validated many of the initiatives our Air Force is undertaking as we continue our journey to a bright and promising future.”

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said. “In this deployment, the people we had to coordinate with spoke either Kyrgyz or Russian. Because of that, we had to work through interpreters.”

The second issue was the lack of permanent structures, and the time to acquire them, the captain said. Actual operations were slowed down until the contracting process could acquire enough land for equipment and living areas, he said.

“Getting a team like we had out there was crucial – in all aspects. In

fact, it is helpful to be able to look at the whole picture. Right now, the Air Force has a lot of units dedicated to going to a bare base and setting up their piece of the network, but not being concerned with what other organizations may need later. We need to make sure that we work closer together, and not just focus on our area, when we deploy.”

He stressed that stove-piping can cause some problems in a deployed environment. “Initial support functions need to operate as one piece – not as security, civil engineering, communications and logistics. If we have a site and have at least one person thinking

about all those areas together, the site will go together much smoother, and we can make sure everything is set up before the operations folks get there.”

He also commented that the communications networks for an area should be tied to the site, not to the aircraft or war-fighting unit coming in. “In most cases, the backbone for communications – the bare necessities – are the same no matter what aircraft you are supporting,” he said. “There are a few special cases – like the Predator — and if we know about them in advance of the aircraft arriving, communications can be prepared for their arrival.”

“When you are on the ground, anywhere, and have a mission to do, you do what you need to so the mission gets done. It was amazing how many times we called for support right before a weekend or holiday and were told that we would have to wait. The people in the field were incredibly flexible – they did what they had to. But the people who weren’t on the front lines have to find a way to support the war fighter, while doing it with common sense.”

That way, when organizations roll in, the work of the men and women who have arrived first has paved the way for operations to begin.



Jumper

From here to there in no time

Robins hiker takes on Appalachian Trail

By Rebecca Yull
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Take a hike!

Well, the average person might not go very far if someone told him this, but a recreational hiker, in workload management in the Logistics Management Directorate, listened when his heart told him this very thing.

“I just wanted to see if I could do it,” said Allen Sampson, workload manager in the Logistics Management Directorate. “Plus, I just love nature. I just wanted to get away from it all.”

He got away, far away. Sampson hiked along the Appalachian Trail this summer, trekking 140 miles in eight days. He started in Springer Mountain and finished in Wesser, N.C.

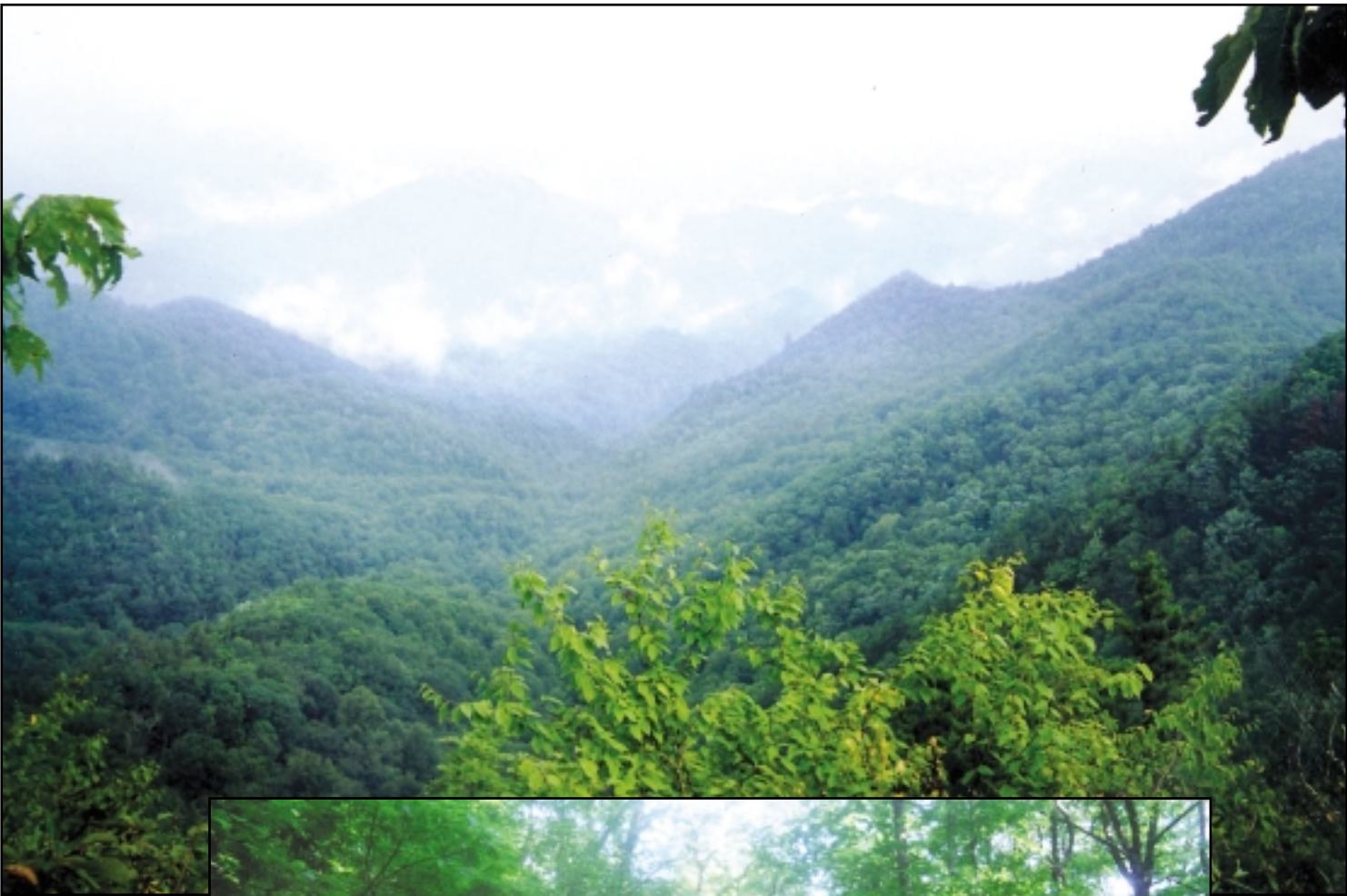
This was Sampson’s longest hike ever. Before this he trekked 18 miles in one day. He thought he prepared himself with a six-month training regimen. He walked with an overloaded pack from Warner Robins to Hawkinsville a number of times and trekked some of the hilly neighborhoods in the area. But nothing he did really prepared him for the terrain and hills he encountered on the trail.

“There were two places where I literally had to climb using my hands,” Sampson said. It was hard, he said. In the beginning he experienced some mental and physical stress and hardships. “I decided that was a little too much to do by myself.”

From now Sampson intends to break up his long-distance hikes into shorter daily treks. Instead of hiking 18 miles in 10 hours in one day he might just hike 8 miles and then camp for the night.

No matter the problems he endured he’s proud of himself for accomplishing his goal.

“I loved it overall. I had a lot of fun,” he said. Sampson plans to take a 50-mile hike in September.



Photos Courtesy of Allen Sampson

The Appalachian Trail stretches for 2,144 miles from Georgia to Maine. Trail sections are as level as the one above to so steep one needs to use his hands to climb. Allen Sampson hiked 140 miles of the trail in eight days in July. He started at Springer Mountain and finished in Wesser, N.C.



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

Some of Robins youth put on a theatrical presentation on July 26. With the help of Missoula Children’s Theatre, they produced and performed a play in one week – The Pied Piper. Above, the piper and rats celebrate the return of happiness and laughter to Hamelin Town. Above right, the mayor and town chefs sing about food, glorious food. At right, the mayor tells the people of Hamelin they need a solution to their rat problem.

The Pied Piper



TV SCHEDULE

These shows will air on Cox Cable channel 15 and Watson Cable channel 15.



Friday

Robins Report: 8 p.m. – News from around base.

Around Robins: 8:30 p.m. – On this week’s Around Robins there will be an interview with Christine Parker, Robins Family Support Center director, concerning fallout money from the YOFAM campaign. Dale Hawkins, project manager for this year’s Summer Bash, talks about the drawings, live entertainment and activities that will be available. There will also be a feature piece on scholarships given by the Robins’ Chiefs Group at a recent ceremony at J.R. Rockers. Lindy Kurtz, base dietician, discusses low carbohydrate diets on this week’s nutrition tip. Phil Rhodes, chief of internal information for the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Public Affairs Office, talks about the importance of participating in the base-wide survey on the three base television shows.

Inside Robins: 9 p.m. – This week’s Inside Robins takes an in-depth look at supply, equipment and vehicles at Robins Air Force Base.

Sunday

12:30 p.m. - **Robins Report**
1 p.m. - **Around Robins**
1:30 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

Monday

Noon - **Robins Report**
12:30 p.m. - **Around Robins**
1 p.m. - **Inside Robins**

MOVIE SCHEDULE

All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

*Tickets are \$3 for 12 and older, \$2 for ages 5-11.
Visit the movie schedule online at <http://www.robins.af.mil/services/Events/TheaterSched.htm>.*



Today — Juwanna Mann (PG-13)

Starring Miguel Nuez and Vivica Fox
When a bad boy ballplayer gets booted out of professional basketball, he wants so much to return to the game that he disguises himself as a female all-star, “Juwanna Mann” and joins the Women’s Basketball League.
(language and sex-related material)

Saturday — Hey Arnold (PG)

Animated
Arnold is up against a powerful industrialist who invades the city and buys everything in sight so he can knock it down and erect a huge “mall-plex.” Can Arnold and his best friend Gerald find the document that can stop the bulldozers? (some thematic elements)



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 - **Lorenda Jones**, Logistics Management Directorate. Point of contact is Marchelle Glover, 926-3074.
 - **Sharon Head**, Technology and Industrial Support Directorate. Point of contact is Brian McAnally, 926-4326.
- Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Rebecca Yull via fax at 926-9597, or e-mail at rebecca.yull@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.*

SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aero Club

926-4867

Safe Summer Cash-In offers aero club members the chance to win \$250 worth of flying hours or merchandise by attending safety meetings through September. Bi-monthly safety meetings offer members information on flight safety as well as an opportunity to network with other aero club members. A safety meeting will be held on Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. and on Aug. 28 at 11:45 a.m. For more information on Safe Summer Cash-In or membership, call the aero club.

Child Development Centers

926-3080/5805

A parent’s open house is scheduled for Aug. 23, 2–4 p.m. at CDC East and West with a Hawaiian Luau.

Evening childcare is slated for today, 6:30–10:30 p.m. at the CDC East and school-age program for ages 6 months to 12. Reservations are required.

Enlisted Club

926-4515

The Press Box is open for lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and dinner 6-9 p.m. every Friday and Saturday. The dinner special will be 1 pound of crab legs for \$11.95 today and Saturday, and two-for-one rib-eye steak for \$14.95 on Aug. 9 and 10. Reservations are welcome.

Equipment Rental

926-4001

Vehicle sales lot registration is held at equipment rental, Bldg. 986. Cost is \$10 for 15 days. Registration is required prior to placing a vehicle on the lot. Dealers are not allowed.

Officers’ Club

926-2670

A membership breakfast will be on Aug. 23, 6:30–8:30 a.m. The meal is free to members and \$4 for guests.

Japanese Grill

922-0136

The Robins Japanese Grill, located in the community center, is open Monday



through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and closed Sundays.

Fitness Center

926-2128

The fitness center provides massage therapy at the health and wellness center, located in Bldg. 827. Victoria Warner, certified massage and sports therapist, accepts appointments between 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. Cost is \$45 per hour or \$35 per half hour. Call the fitness center for an appointment.

Information, Tickets and Travel

926-2945

The current top three organizations for the 2002 Squadron Challenge with Robins Air Force Base and the Macon Braves are as follows: in first is the 53rd Combat Communications Squadron with 98 tickets; in second is the 93rd Air Control Wing 1A4 with 86 tickets; and third place is the 78th Mission Support Squadron with 20 tickets.

Clean the clutter and earn cash. The ITT yard sale is set for Saturday. Tables can be rented for \$7 with set-up at 7 a.m. Sign up early.

Smith Community Center

926-2105

A Summer Bash online coloring contest is on the services division Web site located at www.robins.af.mil/services. Click on the Puzzle, Paint and Color icon on the services homepage. The first 50 kids to put the puzzle together, print and color it and

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Robins Air Force Base Family Support Center-sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins Plus personnel and their eligible family members. Absences from duty sections to attend FSC offerings are the responsibility of the employee to coordinate with his/her supervisor. Because room assignments are subject to change, specific room numbers will be confirmed at the time of registration.

The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Bldg. 794, across the street just before the Robins Enlisted Club. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For additional information, or to make a reservation, please call 926-1256.

Base tour

The center is sponsoring a base tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members Wednesday, 1-3 p.m. starting at the enlisted club.

The tour is designed to help newcomers become acclimated with the base.

To make reservations, call 926-1256.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop is Wednesday, 8-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 123.

This program is designed for Air Force members on the move. It is three hours of information on how to get from here to there with the least amount of hassle, frustration and stress.

Small business workshop

A business consultant from the Small Business Development Center will conduct a starting a business workshop Thursday, 9 a.m. noon, Bldg. 905.

Information covered will include developing business ideas, putting a plan on paper, acquiring financial, legal requirements, license and tax information, and resources available for use. Anyone considering a business venture, will gain valuable information to help get started.

Call 926-1256 for reservations.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor-sponsored Transition Assistance Program workshop is Aug. 12-14, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, Smith Community Center ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible.

Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates. To make a reservation for this workshop, call 926-1256.

Sponsorship training

The center’s Relocation Assistance Program will offer training for both beginner and experienced sponsors on Aug. 13, 9-11 a.m., in Bldg. 905, Room 123.

The training provides information on what type of information to send to the member making the permanent change of station and where to obtain it, such as the following: different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and information regarding responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family.

Advance registration is required.

bring it to Summer Bash on Aug. 10 will win a prize. Limit one entry per person.

The Smith Community Center is offering open play for chess players. The ballroom will be reserved 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and on Aug. 27 and on Sept. 3 and 10.

Nature Center

926-4500

Spalding Nature Center will show nature films on Aug. 17, 2–4:30 p.m. Bring the family for free.

Outdoor Recreation

926-4001

Join the NASCAR tradition with outdoor recreation and watch the race from the best seats in the house Aug. 31–Sept. 2. Enjoy the Mountain Dew 500, NASCAR Busch series South Carolina 200, to include two night accommodations, two admission tickets and transportation for \$275 per person. Race fans must be registered and paid in full by Aug. 12. Register by Tuesday and receive a free T-shirt while supplies last. For there to be a trip, at least 12 people must go, but there is only room for a maximum of 20 people.

Water aerobic classes are held at the fitness center indoor pool on Monday and Wednesday at 6 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 4:20 p.m. Cost is \$5 per individual class or \$30 per person for a four-week session. Register at the equipment rental center, Bldg. 986. For more information, call 926-4001.

Skills Development Center

926-5282

The new air-conditioned woodworking hobby shop will make its debut opening Tuesday at 1 p.m. and will be equipped with an extensive selection of woodworking tools and equipment.

Teen Center

926-5601

The following activities are scheduled at the center: open recreation, 3–11 p.m. today; teen lock-in at the youth center, 8 p.m., and center closed, Saturday; open recreation, 3–7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

Community tour

The center is sponsoring a community tour for all Team Robins Plus members and their eligible family members, on Aug. 14, 8:30 a.m. to noon, starting at center.

The tour includes a “windshield” of Macon’s downtown and residential historic district with commentary on the history of Macon and its people, past and present.

To make reservations, call 926-1256.

CSB/REDUX

The personal financial program is offering a class on CSB/REDUX, \$30,000 Bonus With Reduced Retirement Pay, on Aug. 16, 1-2:30 p.m., Bldg. 905, Room 127. Individuals who initially entered military service on Aug. 1, 1986, or later will be offered the Career Status Bonus at approximately their 15th year of service.

Taking that bonus will result in reduced retired pay.

Give parents a break

The Air Force Aid Society, in cooperation with the Family Member Support Flight, has agreed to provide funding for childcare for the purpose of giving eligible parents a few hours break from the stresses of parenting. Parents may use this time to suit their personal needs.

Under the program the AFAS will pay the cost of having the base child development center, for children younger than 6, and the youth activities center, for children older than 6, open the first Friday of each month from 6:30 to 10 p.m. for families referred to the program.

Childcare for PCS

The Air Force Aid Society, in conjunction with the Family Support Center’s Relocation Assistance Program and the Family Childcare Program, provides a program of childcare for members in permanent change of station status.

The intent of this AFAS program is to provide moms and dads the opportunity to have their child cared for while they are getting ready to leave a base or arriving at a new base. Twenty hours of care per child is paid by the Air Force Aid Society for active duty Air Force.

Contact Cindy Graver or Royce Smith at 926-3453 for additional information.

Employment assistance

The Employment Assistance Program provides ways for military spouses, military family members and displaced Department of Defense civilian personnel to identify skills and interests, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change.

With increased access to employment opportunities and information, this program will help people get a head start on a new career.

For more information about this program or to schedule an appointment, call Doug Jones, career focus manager, at 926-1256.

Employment assistance

There is a Georgia Department of Labor Veterans service specialist in the Family Support Center to assist veterans or personnel within 180 days of leaving the military with their job search.

To schedule an appointment, call Jack Tooley at 929-6801.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

Network 56 selects officers

Network 56, the base organization for E-5s and E-6s, recently selected two people to fill officer vacancies within the group.

Tech. Sgt. Renee Brown, a production controller for Warner Robins Air Logistics Center, is the new president. Brown, a 16-year Air Force veteran, served as the vice president for a month and as the secretary for six months prior to her selection as president.

Tech. Sgt. Marie Nichols, non commissioned officer in charge of installation spectrum management, is the new vice president. Nichols, also a 16-year veteran, is new to the group.

Scholarship available

The Olmstead Scholar Program provides an opportunity for outstanding junior line officers to study at a university abroad.

The length of study is two years and the purpose is to provide the officers with an in depth understanding of a foreign culture so they will be sensitive to viewpoints and concerns of people around the world. Since study must be in a foreign language, selected officers attend up to a year of language training before beginning their studies.

Interested officers should mail their application to AFPC/DPAPE, 550 C St., Suite 1, Randolph AFB, Texas 78150-4734. Application procedures can be obtained from the officer PME Web site at afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/pme or through local military personnel flight customer service. The deadline for applications is Oct. 15.

Seeking Boy Scouts

Back to school means the Robins Scout Round-Up is just around the corner. All boys in first through 12th grade, who would like to try the scouting adventure, may attend Pack 220's annual swim party. Prior scouts, parents and siblings may also join in the fun! The swim party will be held at the Robins Air Force Base Enlisted Club pool, on Aug. 10, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Snack and refreshments will be served.

Engineers to host luncheon

Maj. Gen. Donald Wetekam will be the guest speaker at the membership drive for the newly reactivat-

ed Society of Logistics Engineers chapter on Aug. 15 at 11:30 a.m. in the officers' club ballroom. The luncheon is open to all who are interested in the logistics profession and in shaping its future.

SOLE is an international, non-profit, organization with more than 100 active chapters in more than 50 countries. The organization is comprised of government and industry

members in the logistics profession and was formed to help promote the advancement of logistics technology and management. SOLE supports several technical symposiums, specialty courses that augment degree programs and sponsors the Certified Public Logistician program.

Those interested should contact Trenton Spencer at trenton.spencer@robins.af.mil

or Dawn Ogletree-Simpson at dawn.ogltree-simpson@robins.af.mil or call 929-5373.

Motorcycle safety class

The next motorcycle safety class will be on Aug. 22 and 23. Those interested should sign up through security forces at Pass and ID, or contact Bill Morrow at 926-6271 at the

Warner Robins Air Logistics Center Safety Office.

Thrift shop reopens

The thrift shop is re-opening on Aug. 14. The store is located on Page Road, Bldg. 288 and is open Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is also open the first Saturday of each month.

ASMC to host lunch

The Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will host a luncheon on Aug. 21 at Smith Recreation Center. Tickets are \$5.50 for members and \$6 for non-members. Contact Cindy Branham at 926-6615 for more information.

5th CCG softball champs

16 runs outguns 12th ACCG in home-run duel

In what became a classic home run duel to conclude the intramural softball season, the 5th Combat Communications Group team beat the 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron team 16-11 for the Robins Intramural Softball Championship on July 25.

The score changed hands throughout most of the game until the sixth inning when the 5th CCG was finally able to pull away.



Courtesy photo

12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron second baseman Aaron Gibney prepares for action.



Courtesy photo

5th Combat Communications Group batter Brian Nealon prepares to hit one of his two home runs in the game.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf Course

926-4103

Robins Air Force Base Golf Championship will be held on Aug. 17 and 18. Cost is \$30 for annual green fee players and \$50 for non AGFP. The cost includes green fee, range balls and prizes.

The cart fee is extra — \$8 for members and \$9 for non-members. Winner of the base championship will become the Air Force Materiel Command Golf Championship qualifier. Two men, two senior men and one woman will make up the Robins Golf team. Sign up at the Pine Oaks Pro Shop or call 926-4103 or 923-7334.

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Session I for Tee for Two, Learn to Golf will be on Aug. 19 and 26, Sept. 9 and 16, 5:30–6:45 p.m. Session II will be held on Aug. 27, Sept. 3, 10 and 17, 9–10:15 a.m. Session III will be held on Aug. 29, Sept. 5, 12 and 19, 5:30–6:45 p.m.

Bring a buddy or family member for this two-for-the-price-of-one program and

receive four weeks of lessons at a team rate of \$80. Sign up and receive a duffer’s pack that includes swing stick, ditty bag, putting training ball and step down tees while supplies last. For details, call the golf course.

Robins Lanes

926-2112

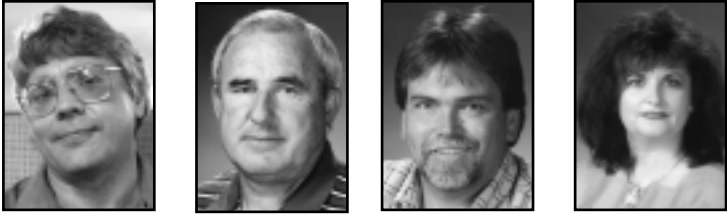
The second beat-the-heat winner, Pat Burke, won \$200 in a random drawing at the bowling center. Get a stamp for every snack bar, pro shop or open bowling purchase costing more than \$2. Collect five stamps for a chance to win up to \$500.

Prizes totaling \$200 in prizes will be awarded on Aug. 16. The grand prize of \$500 will be awarded on Aug. 30. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Call the bowling center for complete details. No purchase is necessary.

To receive an entry form, write to HQ AFMC/SVXA, Bldg. 262, Room N236, 4375 Chidlaw Road, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433-5006.

Submit sports information to 1st Lt. Bryan Reed in the WR-ALC Public Affairs office, Bldg. 215, Room 106. Submissions are due by 4:30 p.m. Monday for consideration for Friday’s paper. Submit stories and stats in person, by fax at 926-9597 or by e-mail at bryan.reed@robins.af.mil.

HONOR ROLLS



Byrd

Baker

Scott

Coleman



Holston

Jones

Thomas

O'Neal

Alan Byrd, low altitude navigation and targeting infrared for night, or LANTIRN, engineering test facility lead engineer for the Avionics Precision Attack System Program Office Division, Avionics Management Directorate, is the winner of the LY Director’s Silver Eagle Award for the month of June. Byrd completed LANTIRN Revision 7 of “I” level support equipment software and developed an attendant engineering change proposal. He completed critical LANTIRN unit under test software support statement of work and appropriate documentation for follow-on contract action. He participated as technical expert on source selection during the evaluation of the LANTIRN LYP Electro-Optical Work Center upgrade contract award. During the owl shift, Byrd provided the production technicians LANTIRN pod-level testing troubleshooting and training assistance in support of nose section equipment support assemblies.

The Technology and Industrial Support Directorate names recent honorees.

Aldo Baker, a sheet metal mechanic in the wing repair section of the Industrial Products Division, was named employee of the month for April. His knowledge and skill level are major assets to the wing shop. Baker’s involvement with the implementation of lean depot repair has been tremendous and his ability to instruct and train new mechanics is valuable.

Faye Holston, supervisory management analyst in the

Industrial Products Division, was named supervisor of the month for July. Holston has greatly improved her branch’s internal organization by redistributing the workload, cross-training employees and contracting out functions. She also prepared charts and other information to be submitted to headquarters in a very limited timeframe and worked on the revisions from the existing organizational chart to the new directorate alignment.

Rudy Jones, sheet metal mechanic foreman in the wing repair section, was named supervisor of the month for May. Jones demonstrates effective leadership initiative and resourcefulness in the management of his employees who consistently produce ahead of schedule. He serves as an alternate section chief and was instrumental in the implementation of LEAN in the wing repair section.

Steve Scott, lean depot repair team, was named employee of the month for May. Scott’s establishment of the 6S program for lean deployment has yielded cen-

ter-wide impact. Due to his “Train the Trainer” program, 120 TI supervisors and managers and 44 leaders and trainers from nine different directorates, as well as the Navy, have received 6S training.

The following individuals were selected from among 2,300 employees as Avionics Achievers for the third quarter.

Carolyn Coleman, Precision Attack System Program Office, distinguished herself with work on the Low Altitude Navigational Target Infra Red at Night support equipment mission incapable program. She single-handedly reduced total mission incapable hours by more than 16,000 in less than three months. Her efforts dropped monthly mission incapable incidents from 89 to 60, equaling an unprecedented 36 percent reduction. Coleman also initiated the contract action on more than 56 mission incapable items with average five-month lead times.

Shirley Thomas, Avionics Production Division, has electronic experience, technical abilities and previous knowledge of missile systems that has individuals both inside and outside of the Avionics Directorate seeking her for technical advice and information on a routine basis. She is qualified and constantly strives to keep informed of the latest trends and developments. Her knowledge and skill of the

current workload, electronic system test set and missile radar altimeter tester assembly, have helped improve production by identifying numerous software deficiencies to the equipment specialist and spurned a wave of software improvements on the MRATA. Thomas recognized the need for efficiency in the MRATA repair process by finding a signal generator to use for the alignment that actually eliminates the need for 13 older, outdated or obsolete pieces of test equipment.

Michael O’Neal, Avionics Production Division, has been in the organization a little more than a year and has worked in five of six areas on the production line. Two of these almost always have surge items, which O’Neal fixes without assistance. He has gone out of his way to learn all areas on the production line and has excelled. O’Neal has shown technicians, who have worked on the equipment for some time, new methods of troubleshooting and repairing equipment. So far two of his numerous suggestions have been approved.

Brenda Pate, Avionics Contracting Division, consistently leads the division in number of contractual actions issued while also maintaining the highest of quality standards. She continually receives glowing remarks from both worker-level and supervisory requirements personnel

expressing their appreciation of her on-time support and job dedication. Inventory management specialists and program managers alike rou-

tinely “pre-assign” their purchase requests to Pate with hopes she will end up with final responsibility for their requirements.

Summer Bash Aug. 10

Services Marketing

The entire Robins Air Force Base community is invited to Summer Bash. This event will be held on Aug. 10, 4–9 p.m., at Robins Park. Activities will include a petting zoo, giant slide, dunk tank, moonwalk, merry-go-round, 24-foot rock climbing wall, big glove bouncy boxing, carnival games and entertainment. For attendees’ listening pleasure the Air Force Reserve’s Generation Band will play pop and top 40; vocalist Gary Tressler will sing country; Kimie Yates will be singing a repertoire of both Top 40 and country; and the vocalist trio, Southern Charm, will be singing country as well. During bash, Robins AFB private organizations will sell a variety of festive foods to raise money for squadron functions and parties. Fare will include sno-cones, funnel cakes, smoked sausages, popcorn, candy, popsicles, wings, tacos, burritos, pizza, nachos, cotton candy, chicken on a stick, roasted corn and watermelon. Summer Bash participants with a base ID, 18 years or

older, will have a chance to win prizes by completing entry forms at the Friendship Pavilion. The first-place prize package includes two round-trip United Airline tickets for anywhere in the continental United States that United flies, DVD player with two gift certificates for two DVD movies and two back packs. Two second-place prizes will be drawn and two lucky winners will win either an Xbox with a game or a digital camera. Participants need not be present during the drawings to win first- and second-place prizes.

Other instant-win prizes include, beanie toys, T-shirts and “I want to be a millionaire” games. Participants must be pre-

sent for instant win prizes. First- and second-place prizes will be drawn between 6:30 and 7 p.m. The purchase of a \$3 wristband per person gives Summer Bash participants access to all games and amusements. For a complete listing of Summer Bash rules go to the services Web site at www.robins.af.mil/services, click on the Summer Bash icon, and then click on contest rules. Sponsored in part by Air Force Materiel Command Services, First Command Financial Planning, Sprint gosprintmilitary.com, Macon Coca-Cola, Geico, Robins Federal Credit Union and United Airlines. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.

HAWC SCHEDULE

Evening Weight Loss: Aug. 5 (4 sessions), 4:45-6 p.m.
Diabetic Seminar: Aug. 5 and 7, 7:45 a.m. to noon
Diabetes 101: July 29 and Aug. 19, 8:45 a.m. to noon
Fit Stop: Wednesdays, 3-3:40 p.m.
Stress Management: Aug. 13, 1-2 p.m.
Prepared Childbirth: Aug. 6 (4 sessions), 6:30-10:30 p.m.
Lactation Class: Aug. 22, 3-5 p.m.

HAWC hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed Saturday, Sunday and holidays. For more information, contact the HAWC at 327-8480.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.
Catholic CCD classes for ages 4 through adult meet every Sunday from 11 a.m. until noon — from September through May — at Robins Elementary School.
Protestant services take place every Sunday at: 8 a.m. inspirational; and 11 a.m. traditional.
Protestant religious education classes for people of all ages meet every Sunday — from September through May — from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Bldg. 905.
Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the synagogue in Macon.
Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is each Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.
Community fellowship and Bible study is held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays for the following groups: adult mixed, adult singles, adult women, youth and elementary school children. Free dinner is served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bible study follows.
The chapel helps with any spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.